under :-

Year	Assistance released by Govt. of India (Rs. in lakhs)		
	Cash	Kind	Total
1993-94	18.00	1.49	19.49
1994-95	20.00	16.47	36.47
1995-96	20.00	42.45	62.45

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Anti Leprosy drugs are being supplied to State for free treatment of all the patients as and when requested by the State Govt.

National Council of Blood Transfusion

1337. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 35 on February 27, 1996 and state :

(a) whether the Government have since set up a National Council of Blood Transfusion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the State Governments have also been advised to set up similar bodies at State level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Blood Transfusion Council has been constituted and registered under Societies Registration Act of 1860 on 23.5.1996 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Project Director (NACO) having members from Govt. of India, Indian Red Cross Society, Medical Council of India, Indian Medical Association, major medical and health institutions and private blood institutions.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) So far information has been received from the following 19 States/Union Territories confirming establishment of Blood Transfusion Councils in their respective States :-

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Gujarat
4. Haryana
5. Jammu & Kashmir
6. Karnataka
7. Kerala
8. Maharashtra
9. Mizoram
10. Manipur
11. Orissa
12. Uttar Pradesh
13. Tamil Nadu
14. Punjab
15. Tripura
16. West Bengal
17. Pondicherry
18. Chandigarh Admn.
19. Daman & Diu

[Translation]

Synthetic Milk

1338. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether synthetic milk containing a mix of hazardous chemicals is being sold by milk producers in many parts of the country;

(b) whether any remedial measures have been taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any study regarding possible ill-effects of such milk has been conducted by the Government;

(e) if not, reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government have been able to take any action against the guilty manufacturers of synthetic milk; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Some cases of adulteration in milk with foreign substances have been reported from certain States in the northern parts of the country.

(b) and (c). Sale of adulterated milk is prohibited and is a punishable offence under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. The Food (Health) authorities of States/UT have been advised to step-up surveillance measures and take appropriate legal action aginst the offenders.

(d) and (e). Presence of sodium hydroxide/ detergents/added urea in milk may cause gastric disorders.